



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

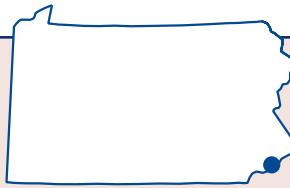
Philadelphia, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Philadelphia was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Approximately 44,752 of Philadelphia's 1,517,550 residents live in the community surrounding the old petroleum storage and distribution facility. The city has federal designation as both an Enterprise Zone and a Renewal Community. Twenty-nine percent of residents of the target community live below the poverty level. Almost 76 percent of the target community residents are African-American. The brownfields site, located along the Schuylkill River, has become a magnet for illegal dumping and vandalism. Redevelopment of this site is expected to mirror a successful brownfields project on the opposite bank of the river, where remediation made possible redevelop-



Assessment Grant

New
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\$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Philadelphia for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct a remedial investigation and develop a cleanup plan for a four-acre site used since the 1800s for petroleum storage and distribution. This applicant's request for a waiver of the \$200,000 assessment grant limit was granted based on the site-specific information provided in their proposal. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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Grant Recipient: Philadelphia, PA

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

ment by a Fortune 200 company, which has led to a wave of local hiring and in-fill development. Redevelopment of the target site would also complement the city's planned bike trail along the river and reconnect the community with the waterfront.